

The Oasis

"Admiring, beautiful change,
"A world created new;
"The thoughts with transport range
"This lovely scene to view."

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VIVIMUS.

In entering the field of Arizona journalism THE OASIS feels called to make no apology and very little explanation. We live, and in Arizona, and are thoroughly satisfied with our surroundings, at the same time hoping to make the surroundings as well satisfied with our paper.

QUID VIVIMUS.

As a newspaper venture this journal is not established "to fill a long felt want," but to create a new want and fill it as it develops.

In the arid regions of America the wedding of water to the soil means a wonderful and rapid development, and THE OASIS is now established at the scene of such a marriage in anticipation of the development sure to follow, and with an intention of participating and aiding therein. Its field then is Southern Arizona and Pinal county generally, and Arizona particularly.

For the present this journal will have but one course of policy, and that will be to present to the world the advantages and possibilities of this wonderfully favored region. An outline of the work proposed would be almost as voluminous as the work itself, so it will be passed at present with an assurance that as it develops the reader will readily comprehend that well followed it is a labor of sufficient magnitude and value to keep one small newspaper busily engaged.

The political policy of THE OASIS need worry no one just at present. It will be a long time before the next election, and there is a vast amount of other work to be done before political work will begin. When it does this paper will very likely be found possessed of decided opinions, but which will be expressed courteously and fairly—unless someone else first becomes uncourteous and unfair. There are many here who knew the editor and his work in other fields, and they can tell what may be expected in due time. But material development of natural resources is the object now in view, and that object will absorb all the time and attention that can be devoted by the force now at hand.

UBI VIVIMUS.

Shortly after passing Picacho Peak the Pacific bound passenger on the Southern Pacific railway notes that the train crosses a vast plain skirted on all sides by shadowy mountain chains whose far distant outlines seem to almost melt into the ever azure vault above. The soil of this great expanse is a rich alluvium that needed only the magic touch of water to give it life and verdure. Completion of the Florence canal from the Gila at a point forty miles away has given the transforming touch, in response to its vivifying influence the desert has burst into bloom, and the great and barren

waste has become an enchanting scene of joy and beauty. Gladdened by the fertilizing waters the once parched and useless soil now smiles with green fields of waving alfalfa, and fruitful vineyards and orchards, where the vine and olive, orange and fig thrive luxuriantly and produce abundantly. At a commanding spot in this bright oasis in the desert is located, Arizona, the home of THE OASIS. Here is the seat of an enterprising, flourishing colony, the development of which is destined to become one of the marvels of this final decade of the nineteenth century.

The townsite of Arizona was surveyed and platted in May of last year. Now located thereon are a fine, two-story, brick hotel; a large, brick store building, double, well stocked with general merchandise; a fine, brick, building which is the publication office and property of THE OASIS; a good, commodious, brick schoolhouse; and several nice cottages of brick, with others contracted and in process of construction. The townsite is conveniently and admirably arranged, and is laid out for the growth and development of a beautiful city of homes. In the portion of the site set apart for trade the lots are the regulation business dimension—25x140 feet. In the area laid out in residence lots their size is 50x140 feet, making very handsome properties; and beyond these, to the limits of the site, the land is laid out in five acre tracts. These lots and tracts are selling cheaply on very advantageous terms, and the company conducting the enterprise will contract with purchasers to erect any kind of a building and to plant and care for any kind of a vineyard or orchard on terms that will be both satisfactory and advantageous. By this method the homeseeker may have his house constructed and the surrounding grounds brought to a high stage of productiveness and ornamental beauty before entering occupancy.

The streets are broad and well laid. Lincoln avenue, the principal thoroughfare, being 120 feet wide, and all others are eighty feet in width. All streets are lined with ash, palm and umbrella trees, elegantly interspersed, which are growing finely and will soon convert each way into a beautiful and unbragued arcade. In front of the hotel are several orange trees that bore fruit last year and are now in bloom for another crop. Umbrella and pepper trees are also growing on the hotel grounds, and evince a vigorous and hearty growth. Between the hotel and depot grounds is a public plaza handsomely ornamented with ash, pepper, cedar, eucalyptus and umbrella trees, and seeded to lawn grass. This little plaza is rapidly assuming form and beauty and will soon be a very attractive spot.

At the depot the Southern Pacific has ample facilities for handling a large traffic—plenty of sidetrack room, a commodious depot and a stock chute and corral, the latter the only structure of the kind between Tucson and Gila Bend.

Adjoining the railway station on the south is the extensive fruit farm of Colonel D. S. Thomas, a more extended description of which may be found in another column. This fine property with its living groves of fig, almond, peach, olive and other trees, and its extensive vineyard, all set in a verdant background of luxuriant alfalfa just beyond, makes a most striking object lesson of the horticultural resources of Southern Arizona.

In the immediate vicinity of Arizona are many acres of patented lands that have water rights in the Florence canal attached and may be bought on reasonable terms and prices. Not far away are many sections of government land under the same canal, that may be taken up and irrigated by water the canal will sell reasonably.

The products of these fertile lands are the various citrus and deciduous fruits of semi-tropic climes—oranges, lemons, figs, raisins and olives, apricots, peaches, plums, nectarines and pears—and all the small fruits—strawberries, raspberries, blackberries etc. Almonds and other nut bearing trees are also very profitably cultivated.

The producer of citrus fruits has the entire country for a market, with a great and growing demand that keeps pace with production in such a degree that with all the increase in home production during the past ten years there has been no appreciable diminution in foreign importation. And prices are generally such that the lucky owner of a small vineyard or orchard in bearing enjoys a permanent competence. Owing to the early season deciduous fruits of all kinds can be sent to market four to eight weeks earlier than from the earliest regions in California, giving the Arizona producer the advantage of highest prices and readiest sales.

Here, too, is a delightful climate, an elysium to the healthy, a sanitarium to the invalid.

Here then is the best possible place for the homeseeker—cheap lands of the highest productive power and widest range of products, plenty of water for irrigation, a delightful and healthy climate and a great future. Come and see.

In Southern Arizona there is room for all and everyone, and Arizona will antagonize no other town nor locality. Consequently there is no call for any other town or locality to antagonize Arizona. Individuals with political aspirations should keep out of the way of the band wagon, however, and avoid being run over. Arizona has votes, and she will have more when the next election is held.

Eight years ago the Bear Valley dam in San Bernardino county, California, was but a scheme in the fertile brain of an enterprising engineer. Now the assets of the company owning the dam amount to \$5,500,000. Yet the Bear Valley scheme is of boy's size in comparison with the one offered at "The Buttes," on the Gila above Florence.

How prone is the world to accept distinctions without differences. It is considered a great virtue in President Cleveland that he will appoint no relative to office. Yet he has appointed his law partner and other business associates—men closer to him than any brother.

Near Florence, last year, Mr. S. L. Cooley, now of Arizona, cut forty-five tons of alfalfa from less than five acres of land. On his five acre tract was a house and garden, which occupied a half acre of the ground. The yield of alfalfa was fully ten tons per acre.

At the present rate of appropriation the public domain will all soon be taken. Then will come an era of high prices when no one will get real estate without paying well for it. Moral: provide against that time by purchasing a home in the Arizona colony.

In the course of time ever changing fashion makes old styles new again. The Pima and Papago squaws of Arizona, who through many years have affectionately clung to the clinging empire gown, are now in the height of fashion.

THE OASIS has the finest little printing office in Arizona. Everything in it, from the "sheep's foot" to the cylinder press, is spick, span new, direct from the foundry, and much of the material was made expressly for this use.

Three feet of snow in Minnesota on the twentieth of April. Why don't Minnesota people move to Southern Arizona?

To increase the physical stature and stamina of its people the Japanese government recommends a substitution of a meat diet for the rice and fish heretofore used. But does the government supply the people the means for buying the more expensive food recommended?

California has undertaken to make newspaper men honest by law, having made misrepresentation of circulation a misdemeanor. They have been so successful there in making others honest by law that there were none left to reform but the press fraternity.

In his argument in the Roach case Senator Voorhees of Indiana, contended that the question of morality was not an issue in determining the qualifications of senators. This has ever been the rule, but it was never formulated before.

By the reservoir on the line of the Florence canal, about fifteen miles above Arizona, all lands in this vicinity are assured an abundant supply of water for all purposes, whatever may be the stage of water in the river.

In Southern California good fruit land costs \$200 to \$350 an acre. At Arizona land of the same quality, with water, lying within a stone's throw of a railway station, can be bought in small tracts for \$25 an acre.

The international irrigation congress, about to assemble in Los Angeles, will be one of the most important public gatherings of the year. Arizona and Pinal county should both have full representation.

"Men were made for places and not places for men" was a favorite maxim of Pope Adrian VI. But his philosophy does not seem to have reached the frequent occurrence of the wrong man in the right place.

In emulation of Joshua a British admiral recently officially postponed sunset to enable a court-martial to finish its sitting in accordance with law, without holding over another day.

THE OASIS plant was delayed about thirty days somewhere along the railway between Chicago and Arizona, consequently the initial number is a month later than was anticipated.

Reservoir construction has yielded millions of dollars to financiers with the courage to embark therein. Pinal county offers wonderful opportunities for such investments.

Come to Arizona and live under your own vine and fig tree. The Arizona Land and Improvement Company will provide the vine and fig tree on the installment plan.

An Alabama man accuses a local church of obtaining money under false pretenses. He attended a hugging bee and his own wife was rung in on him. Both are mad.

The Indiana man has followed the Ohio man into retirement, and it is now the Georgia man who knocks off most of the political persimmons.

Rival jag cures at Phoenix have so reduced prices that it now costs no more to cure a first-class jag than to get one.

With thorough cultivation an inch of water can frequently be made to go as far in irrigation as six inches without.

At its beginning each national administration is to be "a business administration."

Irrigation investments have become the gilt-edged securities of the present day.

He who knows only his own side of the case knows little of that.